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May means Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and before you know it, Field Day!

Carmen gives a rundown on this year's Field Day -page 6



The ancient Romans also had another holiday, Matronalia, that was dedicated to Juno, though mothers were usually given gifts on this day.

In some countries the Mother's Day began not as a celebration for individual mothers but rather for Christians. *Continued on page 6*

And Memorial Day is on the 26th

Following the end of the Civil War, many communities set aside a day to mark the end of the war or as a memorial to those who had died. *See page 7*

Mother's day is May 11th

Different countries celebrate Mother's Day on various days of the year because the day has a number of different origins.

One school of thought claims this day emerged from a custom of mother worship in ancient Greece, which kept a festival to Cybele, a great mother of Greek gods. This festival was held around the Vernal Equinox around Asia Minor and eventually in Rome itself from the Ides of March (March 15th) to March 18th.



Arlington National Cemetery

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All visitors are welcome!

The club meets at 7:30 PM on the *second* non-holiday Wednesday each month except July and August at **Roxborough Memorial Hospital, 5800 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128**
Maps and directions are available at www.phil-mont.org

License Examinations are held on the fourth **non-holiday Thursday** each month at

Community Ambulance Association, 1414 E. Butler Pike, Ambler PA 19002

Registration begins at 7:00 P.M. Applicants should contact Jim McCloskey NS3K at 215-275-2979 or jmccloskey@msn.com for the latest information.

Club Stations W3QV/R: The Jim Spencer Memorial Repeater System

Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA **Trustee: W3RM**

147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz

Reach us on EchoLink through WU3I-L

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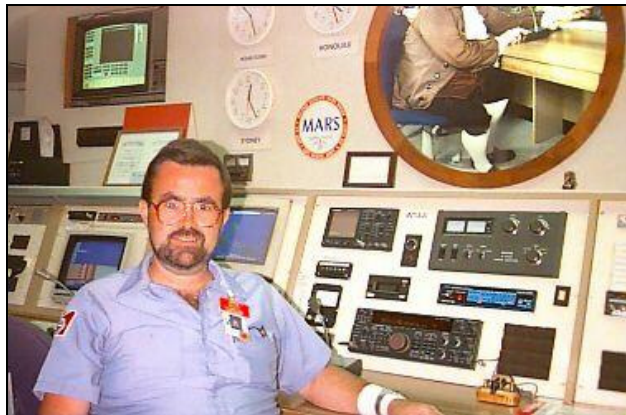
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The Prez Sez...



Here it is May already!

Are **you** planning to attend Field Day? If so Carmen KE3QB needs to hear from you. Please let him know if you are attending and if you can be a band captain or not. Orders for shirts, pins and other FD materials must be placed and **PAID FOR** by May 1st. Please let Carmen Know ASAP, nothing is assumed or automatic, **YOU** must call.

There are two meetings left before the summer break and we hope to see you all there. The new forms for the MS150 (I know it has a new name but old habits, etc...) are out and if you have volunteered in the past you have already received your copy. If not you can sign up online at www.ruh.info/ms150comm.nsf/signup?openform I have tried this link and it is the correct one.

As is customary I will be up the campground on weekends now for the summer. I will be attending the Hamfest May 4th in Wrightstown. Hope to see some familiar faces.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

de Steve, WU3I

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C. had:
 85 FULL PAID MEMBERS
 8 FAMILY MEMBERS
 1 YOUTH MEMBER
 2 HONORARY MEMBERS
 1 PENDING MEMBER



April test results:

We had two candidates who took two elements. One upgraded to General and the other to Extra.

The next scheduled session is Thursday May 22nd.

Many thanks to Jim, NS3K, Joe N3UGI and Jack WA3BXH -ed.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

02 Tia Heffernan - (XYL N3FH)

05 Paul Policarpo - N3PP

17 Herb Scott - N3OLK

28 Peggy Kaufmann - KB3DID

29 Maggie Leber - K3XS

30 Bill Chedeville - W3GQD

Hey, what're you doing Sunday morning?

Ed, KB3IV, could use more net control operators in the rotation. With around 40 check-ins and 86 members there must be *plenty* of excellent operators in this great club. The script is all ready for you, so give some of the regulars a day off!

*[Your editor was **not** bribed for this announcement!]*

New member application:

Joseph W. Gormley, Jr. (Joe) - N3UGI
493 Greystone Road
Ambler, PA 19002
Phone: Home 215-619-2739
Work: 302-351-2147
Email: N3UGI@arrl.net
DOB: 01/22/1964
License Class: Extra (Exp.12/22/2012)
Occupation: Electronics Tech/Engineer
ARRL Member (Exp.1/31/11)

de Dick, W3RM

From the Secretary***PMRC Board of Directors Minutes, April 2nd 2008***

Steve, WU3I, called the meeting to order at 2013 hours. Attending were Bill, W3AOK; Fred, WA3KIO; Dick, W3RM; Eric, N3QV; Ed, KB3IV; and Al, W3STW. Dick gave a written and oral treasurer's report of club income and expenditures for March 2008; the report was approved as submitted. Dick applauds the club's rapid response in paying 2008 dues, and calls for increased PMRC publicity. The club's EchoLink and repeaters are working well. Bill reported on recent system upgrades, improving the overall repeater reliability. Eric, program chairman, spoke briefly about the format of future prospective topics. Ed rounded out the report phase of the meeting with a call to the membership for more Sunday morning net control stations. The meeting was adjourned at 2125 hours.

PMRC General Meeting Minutes, April 9th 2008

Having no pity upon the assembled multitude of ravished club members feasting on an entree of salami, Philadelphia Cheese, chocolate brownies topped with Brazil nuts, several other types of cookies and gallons of soft drink, President Steve, fearing no one, did what he had to do. He called the meeting to order at 2000 hours, gave a warm welcome, and in turn each person had a chance to

stand and identify themselves. Welcome to guests Mrs. Patricia Mackenzie (XYL of Red, W3RED),

Dennis, N3DG, and Warren, KE3IUA. Steve called for committee chairman reports.

Dick, W3RM, club treasurer, reports the Club's bills are paid and there's still some money left in the treasury. He also reported on the status of the W3IIM and W3BBB Memorial Scholarships, and reminded us that interested applicants (at this reading) should have the necessary paperwork to be submitted to the Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR). The filing deadline is June 1st 2008. See Dick's comments on the scholarships in the April issue of the Blurb, page 5.

"The W3QV repeater system is working just fine," reports Bill, W3AOK. The recent purchase of a backup UHF transmitter, receiver and Station Master antenna will add to the reliability of the system, during both emergency and normal operations.

Net control chairman Ed, KB3IV, is looking for members that would be willing to participate as net control stations for the Sunday morning (75, 10 and 2) meter nets. See page 1 of the Club's directory for contact information.

Field Day chairman Carmen, KE3QB says, "If you want a FD shirt or pin you must have your order paid for by May 1st." (As you read this, if you have not paid for a shirt or pin you may be out of luck.) Carmen needs Field Day band captains for 75, 15, and 10, meters. If interested, contact information can be found on page 2 of the Club's directory.

Dick, W3RM, introduced tonight's program which featured a DVD of the 2007 BS7H DXpedition to Scarborough Reef. This expedition is featured on the front cover of the April, 2008 QST magazine. The Club gives copious kudos to Bill for his audio visual assistance, setting up the food, and securing tonight's alternate meeting location, making the program a huge success.

Respectfully, Al, W3STW



*Here's the latest FD fashion!
Did you get one?*

Everything you ever wanted to know about Field Day...

I was sitting at my desk one day all prepared to write this long description about Field Day 2008. Then I thought that most of you already know the breakdown of Field Day. So this year, I will only give you some of the specifics like I have done in the past. First off, Field Day is on June 28th & 29th, 2008. It will run from 1800 UTC Saturday to 2100 UTC Sunday. The Location will be at Fort Washington State Park, Route 73 and Militia Hill Road in Montgomery County. Our sites will be Site B and Site C which are located in the Ridge Road Tenting Area at the top of the hill. Driving instructions will be included in the PMRC BLURB Newsletter. Usually, PMRC operates 5 Alpha or 6 Alpha. This will be determined before the start of Field Day. The field Day logging software once again will be WR9R. It has worked for us the past few years: it's easy to use and its features are plain and simple. If you have a laptop computer with a USB port that you can use for logging, then please bring it with you. Our computers still work, even though old, but it would be nice if we could log onto Jump/Flash drives which a Phil-Mont member has already donated to the club, instead of relying on *floppy disks*. (Anyone remember what *they* are?)

The usual bands available are: 10, 15, 20, 40, 75, 160 meter Phone & 10, 15, 20, 40, 80, 160 meter

CW. A digital station running PSK has been at Field Day in the past and hopefully will return again this year. Also included are the VHF and GOTA Station. Normally, I ask for Band Captains every year. As a Band Captain, you will be responsible to bring your own RADIO, ANTENNA TUNER, POWER SUPPLY, ANY STATION ACCESSORIES YOU MAY NEED INCLUDING YOUR OWN POWER STRIP, GROUND ROD AND/OR GROUND WIRE IF YOU HAVE IT. If also available, you must bring your own operating/sleeping tent, any personal items or toiletries that will make your weekend comfortable. Depending on the weather, you may need other items such as bug spray, sun tan lotion and water. Some items such as coax cable and certain antennas will be available with prior notice. Electrical extension cords will also be available. PMRC will be using the generator loaned to us by Bob, KB2ERL, to run most of the stations and the kitchen. Those staying the weekend will need their names and names of family or friends attending Field Day on the "WU3I CHOW LINE LIST." Your names will be needed prior to Field Day to ensure an ample amount of food is purchased for the weekend. I believe there will be Saturday afternoon lunch, Saturday night dinner, Sunday breakfast and Sunday leftover lunch before breakdown. If your name is not on the list, you might not eat, so don't take that chance, better to be safe than sorry. If Steve, WU3I deems it necessary, there may be a need for some volunteers on Friday afternoon for setup at the sites. There will also be antenna and station setup bright and early Saturday morning. You might want to try to be setup before 2 P.M. Saturday, so come as early as you can.

Field Day shirt, pin and accessory orders were taken during March and April. If you didn't place your order and pay by May 1st, then you will have to order on your own directly from the ARRL Organization.

The only new changes to the rules this year as far as I can see are the "GOTA STATION and EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY BONUS."

The GOTA station may operate on any HF or VHF Amateur Band transmitting one signal at a given

time. It may be operated by a person newly licensed from the previous year, an inactive licensee or non-licensed persons under the supervision of a Control Operator. It may not be operated by an Amateur Radio Operator who manned it last year.

The Educational Activity Bonus is accomplished by a Field Day Operator in a diverse and amateur radio related format. While being a formal activity, it must also be hands on experience. An example would be to demonstrate the proper way to solder an antenna connector on to coax cable then letting the participant do one him/her self. Another example would be to perform a radio related contact, using the radio, computer and logging program. This bonus is only 100 points once during the weekend but should be performed more than once to other participants during the course of the weekend. The remainder of the Field Day rules have remained the same for another year. You can download a PDF copy from the ARRL.ORG website. Anyone needing information, wanting to volunteer as a Band Captain or operator, or wishing to place a Field Day Shirt order can reach me at:

my3gumbas@verizon.net

215-289-7524 or 215-801-2361

Thank you, Carmen KE3QB

Important MS150 info:

You can find the signup form for MS150 here:

<https://www.ruh.info/ms150comm.nsf/signup?openform>

de Lou, WX3I

Mother's Day in the United States

The United States celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May. In the United States, Mother's Day was loosely inspired by the British day and was imported by social activist Julia Ward

In 1870, she wrote the Mother's Day Proclamation as a call for peace and disarmament. Howe failed in her attempt to get formal recognition of a Mother's Day for Peace. Her idea was influenced by Ann Jarvis, a young Appalachian homemaker who, starting in 1858, had attempted to improve sanitation through what she called Mothers' Work Days. She organized women throughout the Civil War to work for better sanitary conditions for both sides, and in 1868 she began work to reconcile Union and Confederate neighbors. In parts of the United States it is customary to plant tomatoes outdoors after Mother's Day (and not before). When Jarvis died in 1907, her daughter, named Anna Jarvis, started the crusade to found a memorial day for women. The first such Mother's Day was celebrated in Grafton, West Virginia, on May 10th 1908, in the church where the elder Ann Jarvis had taught Sunday School. Grafton is the home to the International Mother's Day Shrine. From there, the custom caught on - spreading eventually to 45 states. The holiday was declared officially by some states beginning in 1912. In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson declared the first national Mother's Day, as a day for American citizens to show the flag in honor of those mothers whose sons had died in war.

Nine years after the first official Mother's Day, commercialization of the U.S. holiday became so rampant that Anna Jarvis herself became a major opponent of what the holiday had become. Mother's Day continues to this day to be one of the most commercially successful U.S. occasions. According to the National Restaurant Association, Mother's Day is now the most popular day of the year to dine out at a restaurant in the United States.

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KB3JWK@ARRL.net or call 215-908-7225

Howe after the American Civil War. However, it was intended as a call to unite women against war.

International Museum Ship Radio Event

The 2008 Museum Ships Event will be sponsored by **The Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station' (BNJARS)** and will take place during the period of 0001z, June 7th to 2359z, June 8th.

Ships wishing to participate should send a note to museum@nj2bb.org with the name of ship, callsign, location, QSL info and contact info for person responsible.

During this event every year there are participation of naval ships, lightships, steamships, research vessel and merchant ships. Interesting international ships such as the British cruiser HMS Belfast (GB2RN) will take part.

A certificate is available for all stations that work at least 15 different ships listed as officially participating by sending a copy of their log entries showing these contacts. Working the same ship on different frequencies *does not* count as 2 ships.

To receive a certificate, please send either \$3 US to cover costs or send a large enough envelope with enough postage (Certificates should not be folded) to: Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR,
150 Schooner Ave.,
Barnegat, NJ 08005, USA.

All certificate requests must be received by September 30th, 2008.

A list of participating ships is available on the USS "NEW JERSEY" web site at: <http://www.nj2bb.org>

Memorial Day continued...

Some of the cities creating an early memorial day include Charleston, South Carolina; Boalsburg, Pennsylvania; Richmond, Virginia; Carbondale, Illinois; Columbus, Mississippi; many communities in Vermont; and some two dozen other cities and towns. These observances eventually coalesced around Decoration Day, honoring the Union dead, and the several Confederate Memorial

University History Department, the first memorial day was observed in 1865 by liberated slaves at the historic race track in Charleston. The site was a former Confederate prison camp as well as a mass grave for Union soldiers who had died while captive. A parade with thousands of freed blacks and Union soldiers was followed by patriotic singing and a picnic.

The official birthplace of Memorial Day is Waterloo, New York. The village was credited with being the birthplace because it observed the day on May 5, 1866, and each year thereafter, and because it is likely that the friendship of General John Murray, a distinguished citizen of Waterloo, and General John A. Logan, who led the call for the day to be observed each year and helped spread the event nationwide, was a key factor in its growth.

General Logan had been impressed by the way the South honored their dead with a special day and decided the Union needed a similar day. Reportedly, Logan said that it was most fitting; that the ancients, especially the Greeks, had honored their dead, particularly their heroes, by chaplets of laurel and flowers, and that he intended to issue an order designating a day for decorating the grave of every soldier in the land, and if he could he would have made it a holiday.

The alternative name of "Memorial Day" was first used in 1882, but did not become more common until after World War II, and was not declared the official name by Federal law until 1967. On June 28, 1968, the United States Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, which moved three holidays from their traditional dates to a specified Monday in order to create a convenient three-day weekend and for the first time recognized Columbus Day as a federal holiday. The law took effect at the federal level in 1971. After some initial confusion and unwillingness to comply at the state level, all fifty states adopted the measure within a few years, although Veterans Day was eventually changed back to its traditional date. The holiday has endured as one where most businesses stay closed because it marks the beginning of the "summer vacation season" similar to Canada's Victoria Day, which occurs on the prior Monday.

According to Professor David Blight of the Yale

- 4th Sunday net- *N3OWM* - *ncs*
7th Board Meeting Wednesday
11th Sunday net- *K3XS* - *ncs*
And Mothers Day!
14th General Meeting Wednesday
18th Sunday net- *KC2PMW* - *ncs*
22nd VE test session Thursday
25th Sunday net- *WB3KOJ* - *ncs*
26th Memorial Day Monday

And don't forget the **ARES** net every Sunday night at 2100L on the club repeater. Larry, K3HWE, wants to hear from *you!*

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Mother's Day and *Memorial Day* excerpts are from Wikipedia.com. *International Museum Ship* article from ORZ.com

In 1865, using 2 kites, Mahlon Loomis transmits wireless messages between two mountains 18 miles apart in Virginia. Son of a gun- the first Dxpedition? *From the AC6V(SK) website*

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Cats and dogs- no shack is complete without them!

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